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wrote to Lieutenant Ewing. We'll mark it as Exhibit 1

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(Deposition Exhibit No. 15

marked for identification.) 4

BY MR. ROSENTHAL: 5

- 6 **Q.** Who is Lieutenant Ewing?
- **A.** He was the lieutenant in the -- covering 7
- the security area, security section. 8
- So is that who you reported to that day? 9
- 10 A. Correct.
- And you wrote this report the next day? 11 Q.
- That same day. A. 12
- **Q.** Well, it was February 12th when it 13
- happened. So is the date line just wrong? 14
- **A.** Evidently it is, yes. 15
- **Q.** Did you type it or did you dictate it? 16
- I typed it. 17 Α.
- So if there was a mistake made on the date Q. 18
- line, that was just a mistake that you made? 19
- 20
- All right. I'd like you to skip down to 21 Q.
- the seventh line, the sentence that begins, "While 22
- Green was being tended to." Do you see that? 23

There were a couple of deputies -- a 1

- deputy on each arm holding him down while he was 2
- 3 being assessed by the nurse.
- Was he on his back? 4 0.
- Yes. 5 Α.
- 6 Q. Was he handcuffed?
- No. 7 A.
- So one deputy was holding one arm, and the 8 Q.
- other deputy was holding the other arm? 9
- 10 **A.** Correct. Just holding him down, and he is
- shrugging and trying to attempt to move. 11
- Q. Could you tell whether he was able to move 12
- 13 his hands?
- 14 A. From what I recall, yes. He was trying
- 15 to, you know, shrug.
- **Q.** Well, so the reason -- I'm being a little 16
- particular here with you, but shrugging, to me, I 17
- think of the shoulders whereas my question was could 18
- he move his hands. Did you see whether he was 19
- moving his hands? 20
- A. I don't recall. 21
- Q. Do you recall whether he was moving his 22
- forearm? 23
- A. I don't recall because that's -- from what 24
 - I remember, that's where they were holding him was

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on his forearms.

- **Q.** The movement you recall was more in the
- 3 shoulder area?
- A. (Witness nodded head.) 4
- Is that a yes? Q. 5
- A. Yes.
- All right. Did you hear anybody trying to 7
- locate any particular medical equipment? 8
- **A.** When I got there I overheard somebody --9
- don't know who it was -- say -- telling them to get 10
- a board. I said, "We don't have a board," or 11
- somebody did. And then somebody sent Dotson to go 12
- 13 get a wheelchair.
- By board did you mean a backboard? 14 Q.
- Correct. 15 Α.
- 16 **Q.** To your knowledge, prior to this event was
- 17 it your understanding whether there was a backboard
- 18 in the jail?
- 19 Α. There used to be prior to this, but I
- 20 don't know whatever happened to it.
- 21 Where did it used to be kept?
- 22 Α. In the medical area.
- 23 Q. In the medical area?
- 24 Α. Correct.
- 25 That's the area that Corizon at this point Q.

24 I was just going to read it [reading]: Q. 25 Page 26 While Green was being tended to by medical 1 staff, I could hear him talking and seen him 2 3 attempting to move his arms while they were 4 being restrained by staff. 5 Does that refresh your recollection about whether or not you could hear him talking? 6 7 A. What do you remember him --Q. 8 He was kind of mumbling. I don't remember 9 exactly what he was saying. 10 **Q.** Could you make out anything that he was 11 saying? 12 13 **A.** Yes, but I don't remember exactly what it was. I think he was saying there that he wanted --14 just wanted to die, but I don't know positive. 15 **Q.** Did he say anything about being paralyzed 16 17 or about not being able to move? **A.** Not there, no. 18 19 Q. All right So then you said --20 Not that I heard. 21 Okay. Then you said you saw him attempting to move his arms. Can you describe what 22 23 you saw, please? 24 A. Well, he was being restrained. **Q.** How was he being restrained? 25

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- in time was responsible for? 1
- **A.** Correct. 2
- **Q.** Did you hear anyone say anything about 3
- whether or not his neck -- Mr. Green's neck needed 4
- to be stabilized?
- 6 **A.** No, not that I recall.
- **Q.** So Dotson went to get a wheelchair. Where 7
- would the wheelchair have been? 8
- A. In the medical area. 9
- How far away is the medical area from this 10
- 11 courtroom?
- A. It's on the first floor. The courtroom is 12
- on the second floor. 13
- **Q.** So if I was just walking at kind of a 14
- normal pace -- not running -- if I was walking at a 15
- normal place, how would I get there? How long would 16
- 17

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- **A.** Well, you'd have to take an elevator down, 18
- go to the medical area, take the elevator back up. 19
- 20 Five minutes?
- **Q.** How far is it from the door into the 21
- courtroom to the elevator? 22
- 50 feet. 40 feet. 23
- Then how far is it from the elevator to 24
- where the wheelchair was? 25

- Am I correct in what I said? O. 1
 - Correct. Yes. 2
 - Okay. All right. So then did anybody ask 3
 - Mr. Green to get into the wheelchair? 4
 - A. I don't recall.
 - How did Mr. Green get into the wheelchair? 6 Q.
 - He was assisted into the chair with -- by 7
 - Deputy Peters, I believe, and Dotson. 8
 - Q. Can you describe for me how they got him 9
 - 10 into the wheelchair?
 - A. I believe each one, from what I recall, 11
 - grabbed an arm under his armpit and lifted him up, 12
 - 13 set him in the wheelchair.
 - Q. So I'm going to take my mic off and come
 - 15 stand by you. And I want you to show how they held
 - him when they were putting him in the wheelchair. 16
 - **A.** It would be similar to this 17
 - (demonstrating). 18
 - Q. So they would have picked him up off the 19
 - 20 ground in that kind of a hold?
 - A. Correct. Correct. 21
 - **Q.** Was anybody holding his head or neck while 22
 - the two sheriffs were putting him in the wheelchair? 23
 - A. I don't recall. 24
 - Q. Did Mr. --25

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- A. I don't believe so, but I don't recall
 - anybody holding. 2
 - **Q.** Did Mr. Green appear to be resisting their 3
 - efforts? 4
 - **A.** At the time, no. 5
 - Did he appear to be helping their efforts? Q.
 - 7
 - Would it -- how would you describe how his 8
 - body was moving or not moving while they were 9
 - putting him in the wheelchair? How would you 10
- describe it? 11
- A. Kind of dead weight. 12
- **Q.** When they got him in the wheelchair, was 13
- there any difficulty in getting him positioned so 14
- that they could use the wheelchair? 15
- 16 **A.** He had Deputy -- well, he was put in --
- 17 from what I recall, he was put in the wheelchair.
- 18 Deputy Dotson tried to turn him around to drive --
- 19 pushing it forward, and he slid out of the chair.
- 20 So they repositioned him --
- 21 Q. Wait.
- 22 **A.** -- put him back in the chair.
- 23 **Q.** I want to understand what you mean by
- 24 "slid out of the chair." Did he fall to the floor?
- 25 A. Our chairs don't have any feet restraints

Maybe a hundred feet.

- **Q.** And there would be no practical way to 2
- 3 bring the wheelchair up a stairway? The practical
- 4 thing would be to use the elevator?
- 5 **A.** There is no stairway.
- There is no stairway. Okay. 6 Q.
- At least that's accessible to inmates.
- There's an emergency stairway for fire, emergency, 8
- stuff like that. But only in a fire emergency will 9 an inmate go in that emergency stairwell. 10
- Q. What about Sheriff Dotson trying to get a 11
- wheelchair as quickly --12 **A.** No. You have to go get a special set of 13
- keys, the whole -- yeah. 14
- **Q.** So Mr. Dotson, is he a sergeant or deputy? 15
- He's a deputy. 16
- 17 **Q.** Deputy Dotson comes in with the
- wheelchair. Has Mr. Green been moved prior to --18
- 19 Α.
- 20 Q. You've got to do us a favor and let me
- finish my question. 21
- 22 Sorry.
- 23 Mr. Green had not been moved while Deputy
- 24 Dotson was looking for the wheelchair. Right?
- A. No. 25

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1	or foot pegs, nothing. All it is is a chair.	So
2	his feet were dangling.	
3	So when he yeah, he didn't fall	

- 4 completely out of the chair. He was starting to
- 5 slide. His butt was starting to scoot out of the 6
- **Q.** So maybe could you back up a little bit? 7 Hang on a second. 8
- MR. ROSENTHAL: Can you -- can you see 9 what he's doing, Mr. Videographer? 10
- THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Yes, sir? 11 MR. ROSENTHAL: Can you see what he's 12
- doing? 13

BY MR. ROSENTHAL: 14

- Q. Okay. So show me how far he came out of 15 the chair. 16
- **A.** I don't recall how far he actually came 17
- out. But he didn't fall on the ground. He was --18
- slid out like this. His butt was sliding out of the 19
- 20
- 21 **Q.** So his butt was moving forward on the
- 22 seat.

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- 23 **A.** Correct.
- **Q.** What was happening to his legs while that 24
- was going on? 25

Correct. 1 Α.

- Did you hear Mr. Green say anything during 2 Q.
- 3 this?
- 4 A. No.
- 5 **Q.** All right. So now he is sitting up in the
- chair again. Did anybody hold him so that he didn't
- slide out again?
- A. I believe -- from what I recall, Dotson 8
- held onto his sweat shirt. He was wearing a sweat 9
- shirt over his -- and held his shoulders in, and
- then he backed out so his feet wouldn't go under the 11
- -- the chair. 12
- 13 **Q.** Where was Dotson holding his sweat shirt?
 - **A.** I believe it was just up here, shoulders.
- 15 Was Dotson pushing the wheelchair?
- 16 No, he was pulling the wheelchair at this
- 17

14

- **Q.** Okay. So you tell me if I've got this 18
- right. I'm going to twirl you sideways here. So 19
- Dotson was where I am? 20
- A. Correct. 21
- **Q.** And he had him here? 22
- A. I don't believe it was straight there. I 23
- think he had him like --24
- **Q.** Had him like here? 25

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- They were just sitting there.
- Q. Did they get underneath him? Did the legs kind of get underneath him? 3
- **A.** I -- I believe that's what kind of helped 4
- pull him out of the seat a little bit. 5
- **Q.** Was he grabbing onto the arms? 6
- No. His arms were on it, but he wasn't --7
- I don't believe he was grasping them.
- Q. So -- but he did not fall out of the 9
- chair? 10
- A. I don't believe so. 11
- **Q.** So then how was he repositioned? 12
- **A.** He was pulled back so his butt's back in 13
- the back of the seat. 14
- **Q.** How was that done? 15
- **A.** They grabbed him by the -- under the arms 16
- 17 again and pulled him back.
- **Q.** Did anybody grab his hips to get his butt 18
- 19 back into the chair?
- 20 **A.** Not that I recall.
- 21 **Q.** All right. So now he is repositioned in
- 22 the chair. How was his head? Was it up or was it
- 23 off to the side?
- 24 **A.** I believe it was up.
- 25 **Q.** Straight up like your head is right now?

- Correct. Α. 1
 - Did he also have him here? 2 Q.
 - 3
- Q. And then Dotson was pulling the 4
- wheelchair? 5
- A. Correct.
- Q. Thank you. What were you doing while 7
- everything that you've just described was going on? 8
- **A.** I was looking at his -- not his arrest 9
- record but what he was being held for at this time 10
- and getting statements from the Eugene officers to 11
- see what -- what happened. 12
- Q. You weren't taking -- were you taking 13
- notes at the time? 14
- A. No. 15
- 16 **Q.** So you were just talking to everybody?
- 17 Correct.
- 18 **Q.** And how did you find out what charges he
- wanted? Where did you get that information? 19
- 20 **A.** Off the computer.
- 21 Q. Where is the computer?
- 22 Α. At the visiting desk.
- 23 **Q.** And the visiting desk is outside the door?
- 24 A.
- 25 Where were you standing as Dotson pulled Q.

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- the wheelchair out the door? 1
- A. I believe I was -- I was in the courtroom 2
- because I followed him out. I believe I was in this 3
- -- up front by the desk. 4
- **Q.** And then as the wheelchair went out of the 5
- 6 courtroom, did you follow the wheelchair?
- Correct. 7
- 8 Q. Where were Mr. Green's feet as he was
- being pulled out of the courtroom? 9
- A. Dangling -- not dangling. They were 10
- dragging on the floor. 11
- **Q.** So then was he taken to the elevator? 12
- 13 A. Correct.
- 14 Q. Did his feet continue to drag behind the
- 15 wheelchair?
- A. Yes. 16
- 0. And he was put in the elevator? 17
- Α. Yes. 18
- Were you in the elevator with him? Q. 19
- 20 Α. Yes.
- Who else was in the elevator? 21 О.
- Don't recall. 22 Α.
- Did Mr. Green say anything? 23
- I don't believe he said anything in the 24 A.
- elevator. 25

wheelchair? 1

- A. I don't recall. There was -- there was a 2
- number of people milling around. Medical staff went
- down the elevator with us, so I don't remember the
- placement of everybody at the -- as we walked down 5
- 6 to medical.
- 7 **Q.** Were his feet dragging as he went down the
- hallway to the medical area? Were Mr. Green's feet 8
- dragging? 9
- 10 **A.** I believe so. They may have not been
- dragging. I don't remember how in proportion his 11
- legs were to the -- to the wheelchair seat. So I 12
- 13 don't know if they were fully dragging or just kind
- 14 of a dangle.
- 15 **Q.** Did you see Mr. Green voluntarily move at
- 16 any time from the time you first came into the
- 17 courtroom until the time he was taken into the
- medical area? 18
- **A.** When I arrived at the courtroom? 19
- **Q.** Oh, you told us about the feet moving and 20
- the shrugging. 21
- Yes. 22 A.
- Anything other than that? 23 Q.
- Not that I can recall. 24 Α.
 - Do you recall him making any voluntary

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- **Q.** Did he say anything from the time he left
- the courtroom till he got to the elevator? 2
- **A.** Not that I can recall. 3
- 4 **Q.** So then did he say anything from the time
- 5 that he left the elevator -- now what floor -- that
- would be on the first floor? 6
- **A.** Elevator -- the visiting area is on the 7
- second floor. 8
- Q. So the elevator went down to the first 9
- floor. 10
- A. Correct. 11
- Q. And as you took him -- did Dotson continue 12
- to move the wheelchair into the medical area?
- 14
- **Q.** Is the medical area called the infirmary 15
- or is it just --16
- 17 **A.** It's just called medical.
- 18 **Q.** So as Dotson was -- did he again pull the
- 19 wheelchair?
- 20 Α. Yes.
- 21 Q. Was he still holding onto the sweat shirt?
- 22 A. I believe so.
- 23 Q. And were you walking behind?
- 24 A.
- 25 Was there anyone between you and the Q.

- movements while he was in the wheelchair?
- Before or after he was in medical? 2
- Before he got into medical. 3
- A. Not that I recall. 4
- **Q.** Did you stay with him in medical? 5
- **A.** I was there -- yes, I was there the whole
- time. I wasn't in the exam room with him the whole
- time, but I was in medical the whole time. 8
- **Q.** How many rooms are in the medical area? 9
 - Exam rooms?
- Q. I want to know what the layout is in the 11
- medical area. 12
- **A.** There's two holding rooms. And as you 13
- walk in the medical door, two holding rooms on your 14
- right and left. The medical records area or the --15
- 16 their desks are on the -- as you're walking down the
- 17 hall are on the right. Exam room right on your left
- 18 past the first holding area.
- Q. Tell you what, I think it would be better 19
- 20 to make a drawing because I was with you and then I
- 21 lost you in your explanation.
- 22 So if you could just make a -- show the door into the medical area.
- 23 24 (Marking.) Okay. This is a rough sketch.

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1 marked for identification.)

2 BY MR. ROSENTHAL:

- **Q.** I get it. So I've labeled it Exhibit 16.
- 4 Would you write "door" where the door is, please?

MR. NEWTON-TAPIA: Elden, could we

6 mark this as confidential?

THE WITNESS: This is a security

8 concern.

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9 MR. NEWTON-TAPIA: Since it's inside

10 of the jail.

11 **THE WITNESS:** Yes.

12 BY MR. ROSENTHAL:

- 13 Q. Okay. So the door you came in is the
- 14 one --
- 15 **A.** This one here.
- **Q.** Just put a 1 there.
- **17 A.** (Marking.)
- 18 Q. So where was Mr. --
- **19 A.** This is the exam room he was in.
- **Q.** So could you put a G and circle it?
- **A.** (Marking.)
- **Q.** Thank you. When -- and you were in that
- 23 room with him?
- **A.** I was standing in the threshold of the
- 25 door.

1 A. Sorry.

- 2 Q. I've got to be able to --
 - **A.** Sorry.
- 4 Q. Did anybody hold his head and neck while
- 5 he was being stitched?
- **A.** Nurse Fagan held his head while he was
- 7 being stitched up.
- 8 Q. Did anybody at any time ask for any kind
- 9 of a neck brace or neck restraint that you heard?
- 10 A. Not that I recall.
- 11 Q. Did you hear Mr. Green say anything while
- ${f 12}$ he was being stitched up about whether he could move
- 13 or not?
- 14 A. I believe down there he said, "I can't" --
- 15 "I can't move."
- 16 Q. Did you hear what any medical person said
- 17 in response to that?
- 18 A. No. I don't recall.
- 19 Q. Did you hear any medical personnel say
- anything about -- to Mr. Green while he was in the
- 21 courtroom?
- 22 A. No.
- 23 Q. How long, ballpark, did it take to stitch
- 24 up his head?
- **A.** 15 minutes maybe.

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- 1 Q. Did you watch while the nurses --
- **A.** Most of the time. There were times where
- 3 I was mingling out here. Most of the time I was
- 4 right there.
- 5 Q. Did you watch while his head was stitched
- 6 up?
- **7 A.** For some of it, yes.
- **Q.** Did Mr. Green indicate that he was
- 9 uncomfortable in any way while he was in that room
- 10 that you heard?
- 11 **A.** Did he say he was uncomfortable?
- **Q.** "It hurts" or "ouch" or anything?
- 13 A. No. No.
- **Q.** Was he lying on a table?
- **A.** He was sitting in a wheelchair.
- 16 Q. So he wasn't taken out of the wheelchair?
- 17 A. No.
- **Q.** So his head was stitched while he was
- sitting in a wheelchair?
- 20 A. Correct.
- **Q.** Who did the stitching?
- 22 A. PA Kris White.
- **Q.** Did anybody hold Mr. Green's head or neck?
- 24 A. I believe Nurse --
- 25 **Q.** You need to --

- 1 Q. Whose decision was it as to where
- 2 Mr. Green would then go?
- 3 A. It's security's decision at that time.
- 4 And he was placed in a segregation cell on a suicide
- 5 watch.
- **Q.** What individual made the decision? Was it
- 7 you?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 **Q.** And --
- 10 A. Well, it wasn't necessarily me. The
- 11 policy is that if he is suicidal he is going to be
- placed in seg/med on a suicide watch. So the
- 13 deputies made a decision before I did even. So --
- 4 Q. Is there a policy about whether or not a
- person receives mental health screening if they are
- 16 a suicide risk?
- 17 A. I am -- I'm not sure if there's a policy
- on it, but mental health -- we have three mental
- 19 health specialists that interview everybody in the
- 20 facility that either requests to talk to them or has
- a history of mental health issues.
- **Q.** When do those interviews take place? Let
- me rephrase that. If a person has a history of
- 24 mental health issues, when do they talk to a mental
- 25 health specialist?

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- 1 a contract with municipal court that he will be
- 2 released from custody. They will drop their charges
- 3 and he will be released from custody.
- **Q.** Who has the contract with municipal court?
- **5 A.** The sheriff's office.
- **Q.** Have you seen this document?
- **7 A.** I don't know if I've seen the full
- 8 contract, but I've seen parts of it, yes.
- **9 Q.** So is it up to the discretion of the
- sheriff's office as to whether or not to release the
- 11 inmate?
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 Q. And the court has no say-so in the matter
- **14** at all?
- **15 A.** Well, it's in the contract that you will
- 16 call them.
- 17 **O.** You will call the court?
- **18 A.** Call the court or a member of the court
- and say So-and-so needs to go to the hospital for --
- 20 you can't give a detailed reason, but he needs to go
- 21 to the hospital for -- to get checked out for
- 22 whatever the issue is without going into detail for
- 23 HIPAA reasons.
- And they'll say, "We'll release our
- 25 charges. Just give him a court date and time and he

- 1 needs to go to the hospital -- is the call made
- **2** before they are taken out of the jail?
- 3 A. No. You have to verify whether or not
- 4 they want to release them.
- **O.** Whether the court wants to release them?
- **6 A.** Whether the court wants to release them or
- 7 not.
- 8 Q. So the clerk of the court that you call
- 9 can then say yes or no.
- 10 A. Yes. They look at their history, and they
- 11 have a -- what they call a P code, which is a -- I'm
- 12 assuming it stands for priority code -- on how bad
- 13 the judge basically wants to keep them in jail. The
- judge assigns the P code. From my understanding,
- 14 Judge assigns the r code. From my understanding,
- 15 the judge assigns the P code.
- **Q.** So I want to know what it is you said to
- 17 Corizon Nurse Thomas about Mr. Green being released.
- **18 A.** I told her, "If he needs to go to the
- 19 hospital, we can get him released," because he was
- 20 there for criminal mischief or something. I don't
- 21 remember what the charge -- something relatively
- 22 minor.

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- **Q.** What did Nurse Thomas say?
- **A.** I don't remember the exact verbiage, but
 - okay. I don't remember the exact verbiage.

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- will report to court when he gets out of jail -- or
- 2 out of the hospital."
- **Q.** So did you make that call in this case?
- 4 A. No
- **Q.** Have you made those kind of calls?
- 6 A. Numerous times.
- **Q.** Who do you call when you make the call?
- **8 A.** Whoever the designated person is at that
- 9 particular court.
- 10 Q. Well, for the Eugene municipal court who
- 11 do you call?
- **12 A.** I don't remember who they -- what their
- name is. I believe it was Michelle Dunn, but I
- 14 can't -- I can't recall for sure. There was two or
- 15 three people.
- **Q.** Do you know what her position is with the
- 17 court?
- **18 A.** I'm assuming it's just a court clerk. I
- 19 don't know.
- **Q.** So you don't call the judge?
- 21 A. No.
- **Q.** And it doesn't matter what the charge is
- as long as it's a municipal charge. Am I correct?
- 24 A. Correct.
- 25 Q. So any municipal charge if the inmate

- 1 Acknowledged what I told her.
- **Q.** Okay. But did she say, "Yes, we need to
- 3 get him to the hospital to get checked"?
- 4 A. No. No. If that was the case, he would
- 5 have been transported at that time.
- 6 Q. All right. So your understanding from
- 7 that back and forth was that Nurse Thomas didn't
- 8 think he needed to go to the hospital?
- 9 A. Correct.
- 10 Q. What did you mean by providing a courtesy
- 11 transport?
- **A.** If people in this circumstance -- well,
- not necessarily this one -- but in other
- 14 circumstances, if they are injured or they can't
- make it to the hospital themselves, because we are
- located quite a ways from the hospital, we'll drive
- them to the hospital and walk them into the ER.
- **Q.** And then just leave them?
- 19 A. Yeah. Pretty much.
- 20 Q. You won't even wait to see what the
- 21 hospital is going to do?
- A. No. We'll just give them -- you know,
- walk them to the desk there -- "This is So-and-so.
- 24 This is his injury" -- and pretty much walk away.
- 25 Q. So if the inmate wants to then turn around

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- and go home --1 **A.** They do.
- 2
- -- that's their prerogative? 3 Q.
- Yeah. It happens quite often. Very 4 Α.
- 5 often.
- 6 **Q.** All right. So I've read in some of these
- reports "hold dropped" or "dropping the hold" as 7
- opposed to dropping the charges. 8
- A. Dropping the charges -- hold charge is the 9
- 10 same thing.
- Q. So Mr. Green was being held in jail on 11
- several criminal charges? 12
- Again, I don't know the charges. 13

MR. ROSENTHAL: Could I have the 14

- exhibit stack? 15
- **A.** From what I recall there were a couple of 16
- municipal charges. 17
- BY MR. ROSENTHAL: 18

have been dismissed?

Q. To be re-arraigned?

given a court-appointed attorney.

Q. Without a trial?

I need to change tapes.

- **Q.** Hang on. I've got them here. So he was 19
- being held on criminal mischief 2, assault, 20
- recklessly endangering another person, and two 21
- disorderly conducts. 22
- A. Okay. 23

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- Q. So if Nurse Thomas had said, "Yes, he 24
- needs to go to the hospital," would those charges 25

A. No. They would have been -- the hold --

he would have been given a court date for a later

A. He was already arraigned. He would be

A. Or a trial, because he would have been

MR. ROSENTHAL: Okay.

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given a court date for a later time to be sentenced.

THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Excuse me, Counsel.

THE VIDEOGRAPHER: We are off the

THE VIDEOGRAPHER: We're back on

the charge would have been dropped at the time, and

it was Vicki Thomas. 1

- **Q.** It was Ms. Thomas? 2
- 3 Α. Yes.
- Did you hear anybody ask or talk about 4
- whether a physician should be called? 5
- Not that I recall, no. 6
 - **Q.** What was going on -- what were the nurses
- doing to Mr. Green in the courtroom? 8
- **A.** Evaluating him. I don't know what they 9
- 10 were -- tests they were running on him.
- **Q.** Well, what did you observe if anything? 11
- A. I didn't see anything. I was getting 12
- 13 information on him, talking to the EPD officers,
- finding out what his charges were. 14
- 15 Q. Why were you finding out what his charges
- 16 were?

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- 17 **A.** Because that's the -- one of the first
- things you do as a sergeant to feel out -- to see if 18
- they can -- even a possibility of release. You have 19
- 20 to find out who the individual is to, you know, see
- what your possibilities are. 21
- **Q.** Now, skipping ahead to when he was being 22
- sutured, who was it that was stabilizing his neck 23
- while he was being sutured? 24
- A. Nurse Fagan. 25

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- And how was she doing that? **A.** She was standing behind him, had her hands 2
- cupped around the side of his head like this 3
- (demonstrating). 4
- Q. When Nurse Thomas was done and the 5
- suturing was complete, I take it he was bandaged in 6
- 7
- A. Nurse Thomas did not suture him. 8
- **Q.** I'm sorry. I'm getting confused on who 9
- did what. Was it White that sutured him? 10
- 11
- **Q.** When White completed her work, was there 12
- some kind of bandage put on the top of his head? 13
 - **A.** I don't recall if there was or not.
- Q. Okay. Who said to you, "He's done. Take 15
- him away"? 16
- 17 **A.** I believe Nurse -- or PA White did.
- 18 **Q.** And you had already decided where you were
- 19 going to take him?
- 20 A. Correct.
- 21 Q. What room -- what jail cell room did you
- 22 take him to?
- 23 **A.** He was taken to the segregation area where
- 24 all of our 15-minute suicide watches, high-risk
- suicide watches are placed. I believe he was placed 25

20 BY MR. ROSENTHAL:

- 21 Q. I want go back into the courtroom with you
- for a minute. Was the Corizon person who was in 22
- 23 charge, was that Ms. White?
- 24 **A.** No. She's just the physician's assistant.
- I believe -- I can't remember what her title is, but

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removed?

A.

No.

the chair or if we laid him on the bunk.

Q. Did he cooperate in having his clothes

Was he resistive? No. Did he cooperate?

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1	off?	1	Q. Was he limp during the whole process?
1 2	A. I don't recall.	1 2	A. Pretty much, yes.
3	Q. Is it jail policy that a civilian can keep	3	Q. Was his head rolling around?
4	his civilian clothes on in a segregation cell?	4	A. Rolling around?
5	A. Negative.	5	Q. Rolling around, like this.
6	Q. What's the jail policy?	6	A. I don't I don't think so. Not that I
7	A. If he was being placed on a 15-minute	7	recall.
8	suicide watch, you have on a 15-minute suicide	8	Q. Did he fall off of the chair at any time?
9	watch you have no shirt and no pants. You only have	9	A. I don't believe so.
10	what we call a smock.	10	Q. Were you able to get his clothes off?
11	Q. While Mr. Green was being transported from	11	A. Yes.
12	the medical area to the jail cell, did he appear to	12	Q. Had he defecated in his trousers?
13	move at all in the wheelchair?	13	A. Yes.
14	A. I don't recall.	14	Q. Had he urinated?
15	Q. Did you what did you think was going on	15	A. I don't recall he urinated.
16	with him during that time period? Did you think he	16	Q. How did you know that he had defecated?
17	was conscious?	17	A. Because of the smell and feces.
18	A. He was conscious, yes.	18	Q. Who took his pants off?
19	Q. Was he talking?	19	A. Dotson and I attempted to. Both of us
20	A. I don't know if he was talking I don't	20	started getting sick so
21	recall him talking from taking him from medical	21	Q. Getting sick from just the odor?
22	to seg. I don't recall him talking there.	22	A. Yes.
23	Q. Did you think he was paralyzed?	23	Q. Do you have children?
24	A. No.	24	A. Yes.
25	Q. Did you think he was faking being	25	Q. Did it smell different than when your
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1	paralyzed?	1	children had their diapers changed?
2	A. No. Not at the time.	2	A. It smelled like feces.
3	Q. Did you think he was just being limp and	3	Q. Did it smell the same as when your
4	uncooperative?	4	children's diaper needed to be changed?
5	A. Yes.	5	A. I don't know.
6	Q. Had you	6	Q. Did you get sick when you changed your
7	A. Which happens quite often.	7	children's diapers?
8	Q. Did you ask any of the nurses whether he	8	A. Sometimes.
9	was paralyzed?	9	Q. Did both of you get sick?
10	A. No.	10	A. He started dry-heaving and so did I.
11	Q. All right. So you get into the jail cell.	11	Q. So what did you do?
12	And so now he needs to get his civilian clothes off.	12	A. I exited the cell.
13	A. Correct.	13	Q. Does Dotson have children?
14	Q. Did you ask him to take his clothes off?	14	A. I don't believe so.
15	A. I don't recall.	15	Q. He just laid there in his feces Green
16	Q. Did you help him take his clothes off?	16	just laid there on the bunk in his feces?
17	A. Yes, we helped him take his clothes off.	17	A. After we removed the clothes?
18	Q. How did you do that?	18	Q. Did you come back in and remove his
19	A. I don't recall if we did it in the chair	19	clothes?
20	well, I don't recall if we took his shirt off in	20	A. I attempted to. Then I had to go back
	the chair or if we laid him on the hunds		out DC Dymatta finished removing his elethes

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out. DS Burnette finished removing his clothes.

I don't think he complained about it. He

Q. Does Burnette have kids?

Q. Did he complain about the odor?

Yes.

A.

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- gave me a bad time about it. 1
- **Q.** Did he think it was funny? 2
- I think he did. 3
- Did you think it was funny? 4 Q.
- That I almost threw up? Yes. 5 A.
- I've watched the video. There was a woman 6
- in the hallway that somebody was talking to about 7
- it. Do you remember that? 8
- A. I believe Rahm and Dodds were in the 9
- 10 hallway.
- Q. So did you go back into the room after the 11
- odor got to you or did you not go back into the 12
- 13
- **A.** I exited the first time. Then I attempted 14
- to go back in, and I don't think I made it all the 15
- way back in the room. Then I exited again and 16
- Burnette removed his clothe. 17
- Did anybody clean his bottom? 18 Q.
- A. No. 19
- So did he lay naked on the bunk? 20 Q.
- 21 Α.
- Did you ever go back into the room that 22 Q.
- shift? 23
- 24 A.

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Did you ever look into the room again that Q. 25

O. But you don't have to go into the room? 1

- Correct. 2
- Do you recall Mr. Green saying that he 3 Ο.
- couldn't move while you were trying to take his
- 5 clothes off?
- 6 **A.** I think he was saying that as -- yes, as
- 7 we were removing his clothes at some point. I don't
- recall the exact moment. 8
- **Q.** Did you think he was lying? 9
- 10 Α. At the time, yes.
- Why did you think he was lying? 11 Q.
- A. Because he had been evaluated by the 12
- 13 nurses. And it happens quite often.
- 14 **Q.** What happens quite often?
- 15 **A.** Where they -- inmates will play limp, for
- lack of better terms. 16
- **Q.** How often have you had an inmate play limp 17
- and shit on himself? 18
- It's happened. 19 Α.
- How often? 20 Ο.
- I don't have a number. 21
- When is the last time it happened? 22 Q.
- A. I don't recall the last time it's 23
- 24 happened.
- **Q.** Has it happened since Mr. Green's event? 25

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Not that I recall. Α.

- So does it happen less than once a year? 2 Q.
- It probably happens a couple of times a 3
- year. 4

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- **Q.** That an inmate will pretend to be 5
- paralyzed and will defecate on themselves?
- A. Not necessarily that they all pretend to 7
- be paralyzed, but they definitely defecate on 8
- themselves. 9
- 10 **Q.** When's the last time, other than
- Mr. Green, that an inmate pretended to be paralyzed 11
- and then defecated on himself? 12
- **A.** I don't -- I don't recall a definite date. 13
- Has it ever happened? 14
- I think so, yes. 15 Α.
- 16 Q. When?
- 17 Α. I don't have a definite date.
- 18 O. Who?
- 19 I don't -- I have no idea who.
- 20 How often has it happened?
- 21 It's probably happened a dozen times in my
- 22 career, a half dozen times. I don't recall.
- Q. Somewhere between half a dozen and a 23
- 24 dozen?
- 25 A. Yes.

Whose responsibility was it to be looking

Q. How does the system work so nobody misses getting checked every 15 minutes?

DS Burnette was assigned to that post that

day. And he was on a 15-minute watch. He was

checked every 15 minutes and sometimes more often.

There's a check sheet. You write down the 10 time. You write down what the inmate is doing. 11

- **Q.** How is the officer reminded as to when the 12
- 13 15 minutes is up so he has to be checked again?
- Some of them use a timer, and some just 14
- look at their watch. 15
- Q. Are the checks done by going into the 16
- 17 cell?
- Α. No. Checks are done through the glass. 18
- 19 Q. Not by video?
- 20 Α. There's also video.
- 21 Q. So can the check be done by video?
- 22 A.
- 23 Q. The check has to be done on the glass?
- 24 Yes. You have to see them in person. You
- can't see them through the video.

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Corizon Health, Inc., et al. Page 85 Page 87 not. I don't recall. don't know if Corizon saw that they didn't have this 1 1 stuff and purchased it or if it was prompted from **Q.** Did you receive some type of an award for 2 2 another source. your activities that day? 3 **Q.** How did you hear about it? 4 4 Α. I did. Just word of mouth. Who gave that to you? 5 Α. 5 Q. Why wasn't Mr. Green released after his 6 Q. 6 Administration, I guess. head was stitched up? Who nominated you for it? Do you know? 7 7 Q. A. Because the medical staff didn't tell me A. I think -- not certain -- I think it was 8 8 that he needed to be released, he needed to go to Sergeant Darreyl Davis. And it would have had to 9 9 10 the hospital. 10 have been passed down, I guess, or signed off on by They didn't tell you that? 11 Q. 11 Lieutenant Ewing. Correct. **Q.** What is your understanding of the reason Α. 12 12 And the judge had ordered him to be held? 13 that you received the award? 13 Q. A. Yeah. Two or tree days, something like 14 **A.** For taking control of the incident. 14 that. 15 (Deposition Exhibit No. 19 15 Q. We've been going a little over an hour. I marked for identification.) 16 16 would like to take a five-minute break so I can BY MR. ROSENTHAL: 17 17 organize how to wrap this up. Okay? **Q.** So Exhibit 19, is that the notification 18 18 **A.** Okay. you received of the award? 19 19 MR. ROSENTHAL: Let's take a 20 20 A. Yes. Q. So do you agree that Mr. Green was 21 five-minute break, please. 21 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: We're off the properly taken care of? 22 22 **A.** At the time, yes -- or I assumed that he 23 record. 23 (Recess: 3:12 to 3:18 p.m.) 24 24 had. THE VIDEOGRAPHER: We're back on the (Deposition Exhibit No. 20 25 25 Page 86 Page 88 record. marked for identification.) 1 BY MR. ROSENTHAL: BY MR. ROSENTHAL: 2 **Q.** Could you look at Exhibit 17 again, the **Q.** I'm marking as Exhibit 20 a document that 3 3 pictures. And I'd like you to jump ahead to appears to be a notebook. It's called the emergency 4 4 Compression 294. It's a few beyond where we were. logbook. Am I right about that? 5 5 Can you identify who is in that picture? **A.** That's what it says. 6 A. To the left I think that's Nurse Smith and **Q.** Is it just a three-ring binder? 7 Nurse Fagan in the middle. And I don't know for A. I have no idea what this is. Never seen 8 8 it before. sure but possibly Deputy Correll. 9 9 Q. Look at page 2. You see there's an entry Q. I--10 10 at 1043? You see that? MR. COLEMAN: I apologize. Where were 11 11 12 you? 12 A. Yep. 13 MR. ROSENTHAL: Compression 294. It's 13 Q. You recognize that handwriting? this picture. 14 14 Α. BY MR. ROSENTHAL: Then there's an entry at 1645. Do you 15 15 **Q.** Then the next page, Compression 299, does 16 recognize that handwriting? 16 17 that help you as to whether that's Correll or not? 17 A. No. **A.** No. I can't see his face. The only 18 Q. Do you know who Badge 279 is? 18 19 reason I think it's Correll is because he relieved 19 No idea. 20 Deputy Dotson from that post on swing shift. And he 20 MR. COLEMAN: Sorry, Elden. Did you 21 is bald. 21 mark this as an exhibit? 22 Q. In terms of in the courtroom again, did 22 MR. DEVLIN: 20. A. This must -- well, this might be a log 23 you tell me Thomas and White and Fagan were all in 23 24 the courtroom? 24 note from the control -- our control center. A. I don't know if Vicki Thomas was there or 25 BY MR. ROSENTHAL:

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Page 97 Page 99 A. I don't -- I don't recall. Did I ask him to that? 1 1 in the video? MR. ROSENTHAL: No objection. You can 2 2 **Q.** Did you see yourself asking him that in 3 just write it right on there. the video? BY MR. NEWTON-TAPIA: 4 A. I don't recall if I did or not. **Q.** Would you, please. 5 5 6 **Q.** And what was going through your mind as 6 Α. (Marking.) you took his clothes off and he then fell out of the You were asked concerning dropped charges, 7 7 wheelchair? Did you think he was just faking it? and I believe your answer was dropped so they could 8 **A.** Didn't really think about it. attend trial. Is that pretty close to your 9 9 Were you relying upon the Corizon's 10 10 recollection? nursing staff's assessment that he was A. For -- if he was to be released the 11 11 neurologically intact? charges would be dropped? 12 12 Yes. 13 Q. Yes. 13 Q. Would you have handled him that way if you 14 Α. They wouldn't necessarily be dropped. 14 15 had been told that he had a spinal cord injury? They are set out for a farther court date. He would 15 Oh, not -- no. 16 just be released from our custody. 16 Q. What would you have done? 17 **O.** So in terms of criminal prosecution, it 17 I could have called EMS. 18 actually doesn't affect it at all. Right? 18 Α. Do you have any criticism whatsoever of **A.** Correct. 19 19 the Lane County sheriff's officers' handling of the **Q.** Thank you. Referring to the still videos 20 20 events during your shift on February 12th? previously marked as Exhibit No. 17, are those 21 21 **A.** Of the deputy staff? No. None at all. interior parts of the jail facility? 22 22 Do you have any criticism at all of the The whole thing is interior of the jail. 23 23 Corizon staff? **Q.** Are those areas that are accessible by 24 24 **A.** Only that obviously he was misdiagnosed. tour or otherwise to outside people? 25 25 Page 98 Page 100 **Q.** Have you suggested to anyone in command No. 1 1 Α. that there be an investigation as to how there can MR. NEWTON-TAPIA: I'd ask that it's 2 2 be a misdiagnosis of someone being quadriplegic? marked as confidential, Exhibit 17. Any objection? 3 3 4 A. MR. ROSENTHAL: Yes, I object. 4 Q. To your knowledge, has there been any 5 MR. NEWTON-TAPIA: Nothing further. 5 investigation whatsoever by the Lane County MR. COLEMAN: I'll reserve. 6 sheriff's office about what went wrong in the MR. ROSENTHAL: Okay. Do you want him 7 7 Corizon office? to read? Do you want him to read and sign? 8 8 MR. NEWTON-TAPIA: What he is asking A. No. 9 9 MR. ROSENTHAL: That's all. Thanks. is do you want to have an opportunity to be able to 10 10 MR. NEWTON-TAPIA: I've got a few. 11 read your transcript to make sure that the court 11 reporter got all of your words correct? 12 12 **EXAMINATION** THE WITNESS: Sure, yes. 13 13 BY MR. NEWTON-TAPIA: MR. NEWTON-TAPIA: Yes, we will. 14 14 **Q.** Would you refer to Exhibit 16, your MR. ROSENTHAL: Fine. That's all. 15 15 diagram? 16 Thank you. 16 17 **A.** Oh, my diagram. This is medical. 17 **THE VIDEOGRAPHER:** We are off the **Q.** Is that within the secured facility, the 18 record 18 19 jail facility? 19 (The deposition was concluded 20 Yes. 20 at 3:46 p.m.) 21 **Q.** Is it accessible to outside individuals, 21 22 for instance, at request? 22 23 A. No. 23 24 MR. NEWTON-TAPIA: I'd ask that it be 24

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